

**Office of State Budget and Management
Establish New, Receipt-Supported Positions**

(G.S. 143-34.1)

Agency: NC Wildlife Resources Commission

Division: Division of Inland Fisheries

Budget Code: 24350

Center Title: Division of Inland Fisheries - Habitat Conservation Program

Center Number: 2141

***** Position Information *****

Proposed Classification: Wildlife/Fisheries Biologist Supervisor I

Proposed Salary Grade: 71

Salary Range: \$35,134 - \$54,430

Proposed Effective Date: 01 / 01 /

Number of Positions: 1

	<u>Center Authorized Budget</u>	<u>Current Request</u> <small>(min + fringe)</small>
Total Budget	\$ 6,091,082.00	\$ 43,965.00
Receipts	<u>6,091,082.00</u>	<u>43,965.00</u>
Appropriation	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

Funding Source(s): DENR – Ecosystem Enhancement Program (1 position)

Justification for Position (including description of duties and responsibilities):

This is a new permanent position that will expand the Watershed Enhancement Program and is similar in nature to two existing Watershed Enhancement Coordinator positions. Funding will be provided through agreements with the DENR-Ecosystem Enhancement Program (EEP). Through these agreements the WRC will supply various services related to stream restoration, monitoring, and maintenance for purposes of meeting NC mitigation needs for the impacts of construction. This non-supervisory position will operate within the Habitat Conservation Program's Watershed Enhancement Group. The primary purpose of this position will be to lead a new team in the Division's watershed enhancement project. The employee in this position will play a key role in acting as a liaison and coordinating stream restoration activities, stream restoration guidelines, biological impacts of stream restoration techniques as it relates to aquatic habitats, and development of agency policy.

Statutory Reference for Request

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is charged by General Statute 113-132 with the management, regulation, protection, and conservation of wildlife resources, and inland fisheries in North Carolina. The habitat conservation program allows the Commission to protect, enhance, and restore fisheries habitat and aquatic resources, which results in increased recreational opportunities for sport fishermen and protection for listed species. Land and water disturbing activities such as channelization, riparian area clearing, flow alteration, poor forestry and agricultural practices, hydropower projects, and land development have acted in concert to degrade the environment of sport and nongame aquatic resources.

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